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*Charles Rex,*



*HARLES*, by the grace of  
God, King of *England, France,*  
and *Ireland*, Defender of the  
Faith, &c. To our trusty and  
well-beloved, Sir *Nicolas Crisp*,  
Sir *George Stroude*, Knights, Sir  
*Thomas Gardner* Knight, Recorder  
of *London*, Sir *George Binion*  
Knight, *Richard Edes* and *Marmaduke Royden* Esquires, *Tho:*

*Broom* Esq; , *Peter Paggon*, *Charles Ginnings*, Sir *Edward*  
*Carlton*, *Robert Abbot*, *Andrew King*, *VVilliam VVhite*,  
*Steven Boulton*, *Robert Alden*, *Edmund Foster*, *Thomas*  
*Blinkhorne*, of *London*, Gentlemen; and to all such o-  
ther person or persons, as according to the true intent

and purport of these presents, shall be nominated, and appointed to be Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Serjeant-majors, or other Officers, or of Our Counsel of War, Greeting;

Whereas in Our cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Suburbs therof, our Borough of *Southwark* and county of *Middlesex*, there are raised and continued great number of Military Forces, both Horse and Foot, who under the command of *Robert Earle of Essex* as their General, and under the conduct of divers others, pretending to drive their Authority from the two Houses of Parliament, have Traitorously levied War, and rebelled against Us, their naturall leige Lord, and many of our Subjects have been seduced by false informations, by the practise of a few, who have been the contrivers of the mischievous plots, and have joyned with them, either in person, or by ayding of them with men, money, horses, or other things, and many of our good and loyall Subjects over awed by the power of the Rebels, have been enforced to contribute to them for the maintenance of this unnatural War, and others refusing have been plundered, and robbed of their estates, and some committed to severall prisons, and others barbarously used contrary to the liberty of free-borne men, the laws of the land, and contrary to all humanitie, of which injuries and calamities falling upon our good Subjects, we are very sensible, and are desirous to give relief to our good Subjects by all the best meanes we can, and to resist the violence and insolencie of the rebels and their adherents, We having no other end therein but to preserve the true protestant Religion in the integrity and purity thereof; to maintaine the laws of the Land, and the liberty of persons, and the property of the estates of our Subjects, and the just priviledges

priviledges of Parliament. Wee have thought fit for our better service, to settle a Councell of warre in or about Our City of *London*, who may take these things into their sad considerations which may conduce best to this end, and to have such Commanders and Officers settled in the places aforesaid, which may both raise, governe, and lead such Forces as may be raised there.

Know yee therefore, that wee reposing speciall trust and confidence in your fidelities, industries, and good discretions, have made choise of, nominated and appointed you to be Our Councell of warre for the said cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Suburbs thereof, Our said county of *Middlesex* and Borough of *Southmark*, and doe hereby give and grant authority to you, or any foure of you, to make choise of such other able and discreet persons as you shall think fit to nominate under the Hands and Seal of any foure of you, which with your selves shall make up in all the number of twenty one and no more; And wee doe give and grant to you, or any foure of you, power and authoritie at such times, and in such places as you shall think convenient, to assemble and meet together, and there to consult, advise, and resolve of all such things, and of such wayes and means as you or any foure of you shall think fittest, for the raising of Forces both of Horse and Foot, either of the inhabitants of the said cities, county, and Borough, or any the adjacent counties or other places, who will voluntarily associate themselves to that purpose, and these Forces to Arm, Muster, Conduct, Order, Lead, and Govern in the places aforesaid, or in any the counties adjacent or elsewhere, in such manner as you your selves, or such other able and fit persons, as you or any foure of you shall to that purpose appoint, according

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ing to these presents shall think fit; And the better to effect this Our Service, Wee do further give and grant to you or any foure of you power and authority under your Hands and Seals, to make choise of and appoint such a fit person as you shall think meet to bee Captain Generall of all these Forces thus to bee raised, and such other persons as you or any foure of you shall in like manner make choise of and appoint to be Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels: and Sergeant Majors, over the Forces in such manner and in such places as you shall so appoint, who by vertue thereof, and by vertue of these presents shall have power and authority to do, execute and performe all such things, which to these severall offices and employments according to the law martiall do belong and wee do hereby promise and grant, that withall convenient speed after we shall have notice from you or any foure of you, under your hands and scales of your nomination, or any person or persons whose severall places we shall grant and confirme unto them and every of them respectively, those severall places to which you have so nominated them as aforesaid, under our great Seal of *England*, or otherwise as shall be reasonably devised and required of us. And We do further by these presents give and grant unto you full power and authority by all such good wayes as you, or any foure of you under your hands shall agree upon to raise money for the clothing, arming, furnishing, and paying of all such souldiers as shall be thus raised, and for the providing of all ammunition and other necessities for the warre, all which money upon a just account we do for us our Heirs and successors, promise, grant and agree well and truly to repay so soon as we shall be inabled thereunto, and in the meane time to secure the same to those who for our service, and by your  
mediation

mediation and industry shall lend or disburse the same, and we do further by these presents grant that such Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant Colonells, and other officers so by you nominated as aforesaid shall have full power and authority by vertue of the presents to lead and order the souldiers severally under their charges, and with them to fight against our enemies and Rebels, and them to slay and destroy, or them to save according to the law martiall, or course of warre; For the doing of all which this shall bee to you, them, and every of them a sufficient warrant, willing and commanding all such Officers and Souldiers, which by vertue hereof you shall retaine to obey readily, to receive and accomplish your directions, commands, and summons in all things hereto appertaining or necessary to be done; as also all Majors, Sheriffs, Justices of peace, Commissioners of Array and all other our Officers and loving Subjects to be aiding and assisting both to you and to all such Officers and other persons whom you shall appoint under any foure of your hands and Seales, for the furthering and advancement of this our especiall service for which this shall bee to you, to them, and every of them a sufficient warrant. In witnesse whereof We have caused these our letters to bee made Patents. Witnesse Our Self at *Oxford* the 16. day of *March*, in the eighteenth yeare of our Raigne.

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